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SUBJECT: NEXT CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS' MEETING, OCTOBER

1. 1. WITH INFORMATION ATTRIBUTED TO FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALO FACIO, "EXCELSIOR" OF SEPTEMBER 17, ANNOUNCED THAT THE CENTRAL AMERICAN CHIEFS OF STATE WILL HOLD THEIR NEXT MEETING IN GUATEMALA CITY SOMETIME IN OCTOBER. THE EXACT DATE IS NOT YET FIXED.

2. THE MAJOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA REPORTEDLY WILL BE:

A. ANALYSIS OF THE STUDY PREPARED BY THE COMMISSION ON THE CENTRAL AMERICAN PURCHASE OF FERTICA.

B. CACM. THE PRESIDENTS ARE REPORTEDLY CONCERNED OVER THE STALEMATE IN THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE COMMON MARKET --A NEW TREATY WILL NOT BE READY FOR THE OCT. MEETING. FACIO IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "WE ARE A LONG WAY FROM

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CONSENSUS AMONG THE FIVE PARTIES."

C. NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS. THE PRESIDENTS ARE SAID TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE, AND EVEN INCREASED DIFFERENCES WERE MANIFESTED BY HONDURAN REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE THIS YEAR IN JOINT CELEBRATIONS OF CENTRAL AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY ON SEPTEMBER 15 BECAUSE HONDURAS DID NOT WISH TO APPEAR WITH EL SALVADOR. (NOTE: THIS WAS NOT OBSERVED IN COSTA RICA SINCE THE SCHEDULED RECEPTION HERE WAS CANCELLED DUE TO THE NATIONAL MOURNING OVER A TRAGIC BUS ACCIDENT.) IN THE OCTOBER MEETING THE PRESIDENTS REPORTEDLY WILL OFFER THEIR GOOD OFFICES TO HELP THE TWO COUNTRIES REACH AN ACCORD.
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